

REMARKS

Upon entry of the claim amendments, Claims 1-15, 17-20 and 22 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 22 has been amended to depend from Claim 20.

No new matter has been added.

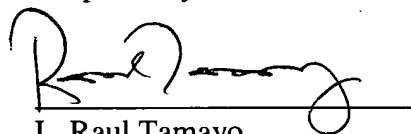
At Section No. 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 1182033.

In response, Claim 21 has been canceled, and Claim 22 has been amended so as to depend from claim 20, which was indicated as allowed in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the §102 rejection of Claims 21 and 22 is requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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